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Selectmen's Minutes 12-06-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, December 6, 2004
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Greeley, and Mrs. Dias.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

1. For Approval: Setting of Tax Rate

Robert Greeley, Director, Assessor's Office

Town Assessor Robert Greeley stated the tax rate couldn't be set until the Department of Revenue certifies the proposed rate. The Department of revenue is behind by a couple of weeks. After some discussion Mr. Lyons requested that Ruth Lewis, Town Comptroller, come and report at a future meeting on the computer capability of a two tier tax rate system.

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the 12/13/04 meeting at 6:00pm. SO VOTED (5-0)

2. For Approval: Arlington Refund Bonds

Mr. Greeley moved approval as recommended vote. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Appointments: Election Workers

Francis X. Baiarrio, Jr., 37 Drake Rd. #612, Pct. 20, D

Ann MacGowan, 17 Mill St. #514, Pct. 9, D

Steven D. Lafond, 361 Mass. Ave., Pct. 7, U

Walter F.Y. Mau, 46 Bailey Rd., Pct. 10, U

Monica Karin Davis, 170 Palmer St., Pct. 5, D

Jennifer Griffith, 4 Edith St., Pct. 2, D

C. Rita Lally, 89 Jason St., Pct. 8, D

Sean Nolan, 22 Whittemore St., Pct. 6, U

Laura K. Vanderhill, 50 High Haith Rd., Pct. 10, U

Dorothy Barter, 44A Cleveland St., Pct. 3, D

Susan V. Agabian, 3 Colonial Village Drive, Pct. 21, D

John Sharp, 245 Park Ave., Pct. 16, U

William V. Renzulli, 13 Lowell St. #1, Pct. 17, U

William B. Robinson, 57 Churchill Ave., Pct. 10, D

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Report: Pay As You Throw

John Sanchez, Director, Public Works

Mr. Sanchez reported the research done by the Pay as You Throw Committee offering multiple options used by various Towns/Cities. There was no single recommendation, yet instead many options were researched with results information summarized. The Selectmen thanked the Committee and hope they would continue if called upon when a decision is made concerning trash collection. All Selectmen agreed that more recycling education should be communicated to the residents.

Mrs. Dias moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Discussion: Arlington Community Media

David Leone/Glen Koenig

Mr. Leone, Mr. Koenig, and Mr. Gilligan presented to the Board that the ACMI group is taking steps to bid on replacing Comcast with Public Access Cable. Tonight they wanted to introduce the Committee and express their intentions and goals. The goal is to assist the Town by providing cable shows and community events. Also to provide Internet based media such as the community calendar. The Committee will come to a future Board meeting with a solid business plan.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Discussion: FY 06 Operating Budget

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

7. For Approval: Debt Shift

Water & Sewer Rates

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, 163 Scituate St., appeared before the Board asking why there are water charges in the same bill with the taxes. Selectmen Kathleen Dias stated she believes the Town will be including a note for tax bills explaining water and sewer, debt service, and why it is not in the water bill. The Selectmen agreed that Mr. Bilafer should be asked to include in the tax mailing a notice of the water bill. The Board Administrator will look into this matter.

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the 12/13/04 meeting at 6:00 pm. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons made a motion to have the Comptroller, Ms. Lewis, report back to the Board regarding a plan for technology update.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Discussion: Legal Issues

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Maher reported that the first ruling regarding initial Town Manager interviews is an important issue with negative consequence to privacy of all the candidates.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to instruct the Board and Mr. Maher to contact the MMA and come back with a report at the meeting in 2 weeks. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher reported that the second ruling regarding discrimination of an ex-employee of the schools was in the Town's favor, finding no discrimination.

9. Discussion: Executive Session with Arlington Redevelopment Board Re: Symmes Project

This item has been moved to Executive Session.

10. Reappointment: Trust Fund Commission

Augusta Haydock

(term to expire 12/3/07)

Mr. Hurd moved approved.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Adele Gillis On street overnight parking ban Be Rec'd
28 Pondview Rd.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lyons moved to refer New Business to the 12/13/04 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher made a motion to go into Executive Session (with the Redevelopment Board) to consider matters related to the value of Town property the discussion of which in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position with regard to disposal of that property and will convene in open session only for the purpose of adjourning.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn and go into Executive Session at 10:00PM.

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator